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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GOJ STEEL EXPERT AMAYA

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SUMMARY: VISIT OF AMAYA, INFLUENTIAL DIRECTOR OF MITI
BASIC INDUSTRIES BUREAU, PROVIDES EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
FOR USG TO DEFUSE STEEL PROBLEM AND AVOID POTENTIALLY
DAMAGING CRISIS IN U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. I HAD MOST INTERESTING CONVERSATION AUGUST 1
WITH AMAYA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MITI BASIC INDUSTRIES
BUREAU, PREPARATORY TO HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO U.S.
AS DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES, AMAYA IS ENGAGING IN QUITE
UNCHARACTERISTIC JAPANESE ACTIVITY IN TAKING PERSONAL
INITIATIVE TO PROBE U.S. SENTIMENTS ON STEEL ISSUE.
IT IS EVEN LESS CHARACTERISTIC THAT A MITI OFFICIAL
SHOULD COME TO CALL ON ME. I ASSUME HE HAS TAKEN TO
HEART MY SEVERAL REFERENCES SINCE I ARRIVED HERE AS
TO THE NEED TO DEVELOP EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS TO U.S.
AND JAPAN CAN DISCUSS EMERGING PROBLEMS IN EARLY STAGES
AND AVOID CRISES LATER ON.

2. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, AMAYA'S PURPOSE IS TO
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ATTEMPT TO LEARN WHAT U.S. WOULD LIKE JAPAN TO DO
IN COMPLEX STEEL SITUATION AND HOW GOJ MIGHT BE RESPONSIVE.

3. AMAYA SEEMS TO HAVE A GOOD SET OF APPOINTMENTS
ARRANGED IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK WITH KEY PEOPLE AT
STATE, TREASURY, STR AND NSC PLUS MAJOR STEEL INDUSTRY
LEADERS. I SUGGESTED HE MIGHT ALSO VISIT WITH AFL-

CIO AND UNITED STEEL WORKERS LEADERS WHO VISITED TOKYO RECENTLY.

4. I FEEL STRONGLY, VERY STRONGLY, THAT THIS IS THE KIND OF PROBLEM WE OUGHT TO DEVOTE EARLY AND THOROUGH ATTENTION TO BEFORE IT BECOMES A POLITICAL ISSUE AND IN ORDER TO PREVENT ITS GROWING INTO A MUCH MORE SERIOUS DISTURBANCE TO THE U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP LATER ON. JAPANESE LEADERSHIP SEEMS TO WANT TO BE HELPFUL AND I HOPE WE CAN GIVE A FORTHCOMING REACTION. AMAYA VISIT WOULD SEEM TO PROVIDE IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO PROVIDE A CLEAR COORDINATED STATEMENT OF ACTIONS U.S. WOULD HOPE TO SEE FROM JAPAN, OR AT THE VERY LEAST TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTINUING DIALOGUE.
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